

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
)	
Performance Measurements and Standards for)	
Unbundled Network Elements and)	CC Docket No. 01-318
Interconnection)	
)	
Performance Measurements and Reporting)	
Requirements for Operations Support)	CC Docket No. 98-56
Systems, Interconnection, and Operator)	
Services and Directory Assistance)	
)	
Deployment of Wireline Services Offering)	CC Docket No. 98-147
Advanced Telecommunications Capability)	
)	
Petition of Association for Local)	
Telecommunications Services for Declaratory)	CC Docket Nos. 98-147, 96-98, 98-141
Ruling)	

MOTION TO ACCEPT PLEADING AS TIMELY FILED

BellSouth Corporation, on behalf of itself and its wholly owned subsidiaries (“BellSouth”), hereby requests that, for good cause shown, the Commission accept its Reply Comments in the above-captioned proceeding as timely filed.

BellSouth was prevented from filing its Reply Comments electronically on February 12, 2002, due to the unavailability of the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (“ECFS”). Upon contacting the ECFS helpline by telephone on the evening of February 12, BellSouth was advised by a recorded message that the ECFS would be unavailable until noon today, February 13, 2002, due to unscheduled maintenance on the Commission’s servers. BellSouth subsequently filed its Reply Comments via the ECFS today.

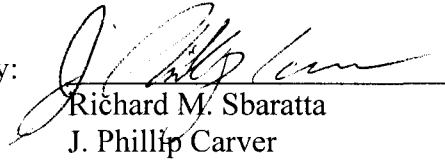
BellSouth Motion to Accept Pleading
CC Docket No. 01-318
February 13, 2002

Accordingly, because BellSouth was prevented from electronically filing its Reply Comments prior to the filing deadline because of the unavailability of the ECFS, BellSouth requests that the Commission accept its Reply Comments, filed today, February 13, 2002, as timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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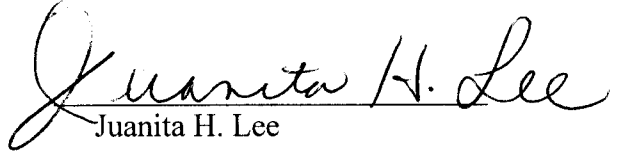
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I do hereby certify that I have this 13th day of February 2002 served the following parties to this action with a copy of the foregoing **MOTION TO ACCEPT PLEADING AS TIMELY FILED** by electronic filing and/or by placing a copy of the same in the United States Mail, addressed to the parties listed on the attached service list.


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